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Dear editor:

Recent action by the Board of State Canvassers is an appalling slap in the face to voters. Two Democrats on the board decided voters should not have a chance to vote on the marriage amendment and Ralph Nader's presidency. They did this because they do not agree with the amendment or Mr. Nader's candidacy.

As a former chairman of the Board of State Canvassers, I think the Democratic members of the board should be fired. Their action is a blatant flouting of the law. I call upon the governor to disavow those members and appoint new members.

But instead, the governor has publicly supported denying Michigan residents the right to vote, which I find even more disturbing. This week marks the 84th anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution – the one giving women the right to vote. Around the world, people are fighting and dying for the chance to vote in an election.

In the 33rd Senate District alone, more than 11,000 people signed the marriage amendment petition, calling for the people's right to vote on this issue. It is inexcusable that just TWO people would keep this from voters and shameful that the governor would support such an inappropriate abuse of power.

Sincerely,

Alan Cropsey
Senator for the 33rd District